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SUBJECT: TENNECO FOUR

REFS: (A) STATE 173061; (B) KHARTOUM 1846

1. WE HAVE NOTED KHARTOUM'S VIEW ON LIKELY GOS REACTION TO USG
POLICY DECISION WITH RELIEF, AS ALL CONCEIVABLE ALTERNATIVE CHAN-
NELS TO ELF BURDENED WITH SERIOUS DRAWBACKS.

2. ACCORDINGLY, IN CONTINGENCY GOS REFUSAL CONTINUE AS INTER-
MEDIARY, WE WOULD RECOMMEND EFFORT SEPARATE TENNECO FOUR PROBLEM
FROM US-SUDANESE BILATERAL ISSUES ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS,
POINTING OUT THAT US HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE.
ASSUMING THIS DOES NOT RPT NOT WASH, WE WOULD URGE GOS PERMIT
TENNECO PURSUE ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH ELF REPS DIRECTLY IN SUDAN.

3. ONLY IF THIS FAILS WOULD WE WISH TO CONSULT WITH PRINCIPALS TO
DETERMINE WHAT OTHER VENUE WOULD COME CLOSEST TO MEETING CURRENT
OPTIMAL CONDITIONS OF SECURITY, ACCESS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.
OF THOSE CITED IN REF A, BEIRUT SOUNDS A PRIORI BEST TO US, BUT
FURTHER CONSULTATIONS COULD REVEAL NEW POSSIBILITIES IN PERIPHERAL
COUNTRIES NOT APPARENT TO US AT THIS WRITING. ELF/GC WOULD HAVE
TO HELP GUIDE OUR CHOICE.

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